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IN ADDITION TO BRIEFING ON FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION,
HITCHCOCK/NISHIMIYA MEETING OF JAN 31 ALSO DISCUSSED
PREPARATIONS AND AGENDA FOR CULCON VIII. SUBSTANCE AS
FOLLOWS:

1. ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES: JAPAN PANEL HAS NO OBJECTIONS
TO CHANGES SUGGESTED IN HALL TO MAEDA LETTER. HOWEVER,
SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FOR CHANGES IN JOINT COMMITTEE WILL BE
NEEDED FOR DISCUSSION AT CULCON VIII. FOLLOWING
CULCON, TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL NEED TO WORK OUT EXCHANGE OF
NOTES AMENDING THOSE OF 1968 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE JOINT
COMMITTEE. NISHIMIYA ASKED U.S. SIDE TO WORK ON
APPROPRIATE WORDING OF DESIRED CHANGES, BOTH FOR CULCON VIII
CONSIDERATION AND FOR SUBSEQUENT USE IN NEW EXCHANGE
OF NOTES. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PREPARE DRAFT
LANGUAGE.

2. DEFINITION OF SUBCOMMITTEE FUNCTIONS: MATSUMURA
OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND HITCHCOCK AGREED
THAT IN VIEW OF GROWING NUMBERS OF SUBCOMMITTEES,
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WHAT IS NOW NEEDED IS A "STATEMENT OF MISSION" OR

DEFINITION OF FUNCTIONS FOR EACH SUBCOMMITTEE (AS DISCUSSED BY U.S. PANEL ON JAN. 26.). THESE SHOULD BE DRAWN UP BY SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ON BOTH SIDES AND SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO CULCON VIII. WOULD INCLUDE NEW TELEVISION COOPERATION, PRESS PERIODICALS AND LIBRARY EXCHANGE SUBCOMMITTEES, ALL OF WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE GIVEN STAMP OF APPROVAL BY CULCON VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WILL HAVE TO EXCHANGE "STATEMENT OF MISSION" WITH COUNTERPARTS AND HOPEFULLY REACH UNDERSTANDING ON DEFINITION OF SUBCOMMITTEE FUNCTIONS. FOR TV, JOURNALISM AND LIBRARY SUBCOMMITTEES, SUGGEST COORDINATE THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARIAT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ARE NAMED.

3. ASSESSMENT PROJECT: NISHIMIYA SUGGESTS THAT U.S. SIDE DRAFT INITIAL PAPER AND SUBMIT TO JAPAN SIDE FOR COMMENT AND ANY MODIFICATIONS. FINAL PAPER THEN TO BE SUBMITTED TO CULCON VIII FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL. FOCUS IS "STRUCTURAL IMPEDIMENTS."

4. CULTURAL ORIENTATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REPS: JAPAN SIDE HAS NO OBJECTION TO PLACING ON AGENDA. POST ASSUMES THIS SUBJECT WOULD APPLY TO JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN BEING ASSIGNED TO U.S. ALSO. POSSIBLE AREA FOR NEW SUBCOMMITTEE.

5. SYMPOSIUM: NISHIMIYA SUGGESTED FIRST SESSION OF CULCON VIII AGENDA IN WASHINGTON DEAL WITH REFLECTIONS ON SYMPOSIUM BY CULCON DELEGATES, DROPPING AUTHORITIES. HITCHCOCK AND EMBASSY CONCUR THIS IS GOOD IDEA. IN ADDITION, NISHIMIYA SUGGESTED FOUR SYMPOSIUM GROUP MODERATORS ON EACH SIDE BE INVITED TO WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS OPENING SESSION, AND BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN AS OBSERVERS THROUGHOUT REST OF CULCON. SINCE THE FOUR JAPANESE ARE OUTSTANDING, ABLE, YOUNGER INDIVIDUALS, EMBASSY ENDORSES THIS PROPOSAL.

SYMPOSIUM ARRANGEMENTS ARE PROCEEDING RAPIDLY BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL HOUSE AND JAPAN SOCIETY, AND WE BELIEVE
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IT BEST TO LEAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SYMPOSIUM IN THIS CHANNEL. FOUR JAPANESE MODERATORS ARE MEETING FEBRUARY 14, AND WISH TO GET DIRECTLY IN TOUCH WITH AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS AS SOON AS LATTER ARE SELECTED. IN GENERAL REVIEW OF SYMPOSIUM PLANNING BETWEEN YOICHI MAEDA AND HITCHCOCK, IT WAS AGREED, SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH JAPAN SOCIETY, AS FOLLOWS:

EACH OF THE FOUR TOPICS OF THE SYMPOSIUM SHOULD HAVE FIVE PARTICIPANTS ON STAGE: ONE CULCON PANEL REPRESENTATIVE, EITHER JAPANESE OR AMERICAN, AS CHAIRMAN, THE TWO MODERATORS, AND ONE DISCUSSANT FROM EACH COUNTRY. LATTER WOULD BE AN EXPERT BROUGHT IN FOR THE SYMPOISUM BUT NOT PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED IN SYMPOISUM PREPARATIONS. AFTER PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIVE, THE CULCON MEMBERS WOULD JOINT FREELY IN DISCUSSIONS. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE IS ALSO SEEKING JAPANESE FUNDS TO ENABLE JAPANESE SIDE TO BRING ALL MEMBERS OF FOUR JAPANESE GROUPS TO NEW YORK AS AUDIENCE FOR THE SYMPOISUM. SPONSORS CONSIDER THIS A VALUABLE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AND CULTURAL EXPOSURE FOR THESE YOUNGER JAPANESE WHO HAVE HAD LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL DELIBERATIONS.

LAST MORNING SESSION OF SYMPOISUM ON 26TH WOULD BE GENERAL SUMMING-UP OF THE MAIN ISSUES AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE EARLIER SESSIONS, WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CULCON PROJECTS OR FOLLOW-UP. THIS WOULD PREPARED SCENE FOR THE "REFLECTIONS" ON RELATIONSHIP TO CULCON ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE AT OPENING SESSION IN WASHINGTON.

6. CULCON VIII AGENDA: AFTER PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WITH JAPANESE, EMBASSY/HITCHCOCK HAVE PREPARED DRAFT OF CULCON VII AGENDA CONTAINED SEPTTEL. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT REVIEW DRAFT WITH CHAIRMAN HALL AND JAPAN SOCIETY AND CABLE MODIFCATIONS SO THAT EMBASSY CAN SUBMIT TO GOJ BEFORE JAPAN PANEL NEXT MEETS ON FEBRUARY 20.

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1. LIBRARIES COMMITTEE WOULD BE DISCUSSED UNDER "ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS." NO NEED TO DISCUSS UNDER COMMITTEE REPORTS.

2. HITCHCOCK SEES NO TIME FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION CAN MEET EFFECTIVELY DURING CULCON AND RECOMMENDS HALL SET SEPARATE DATE FOR COMMISSION TO MEET IN WASHINGTON EARLIER IN MAY.
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